VENOM WAR
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It's Jeff!
THOMPSON
GURIHIRU
GURIHIRU!
ALL AGES

"John's art made the most fantastical situations feel grounded and real. His work had a uniquely cinematic quality to it, and we strive to bring to the screen what he masterfully accomplished on the page: characters that, even as they're pulled into extraordinary situations, still seem human and believable. He was a wonderful artist and storyteller, collaborator and friend to so many of our people here at Marvel."

– Kevin Feige
PRESIDENT, MARVEL STUDIOS

"John is one of the defining creative voices of his generation, whose work will be celebrated for years to come. His artistic and design skills were unparalleled, and he moved into otherworldly when you took in his ability to tell a story visually. With all that being said, he was simply a great guy who enjoyed a great meal and a quiet conversation. I will miss John dearly, and I consider myself lucky to have been his friend."

– Dan Buckley
PRESIDENT, MARVEL COMICS & FRANCHISE

"John approached his art in the same way he did everything in life: fearlessly. It's what made him so good at what he did. From the soft touch needed on certain lines, to the bold bravado of the shots he often chose, John made every page better by putting 100% of himself into every composition and character. His comics truly embody his spirit, and while he's left us far too early, his legacy will live forever in these stories that he loved telling."

– C.B. Cebulski
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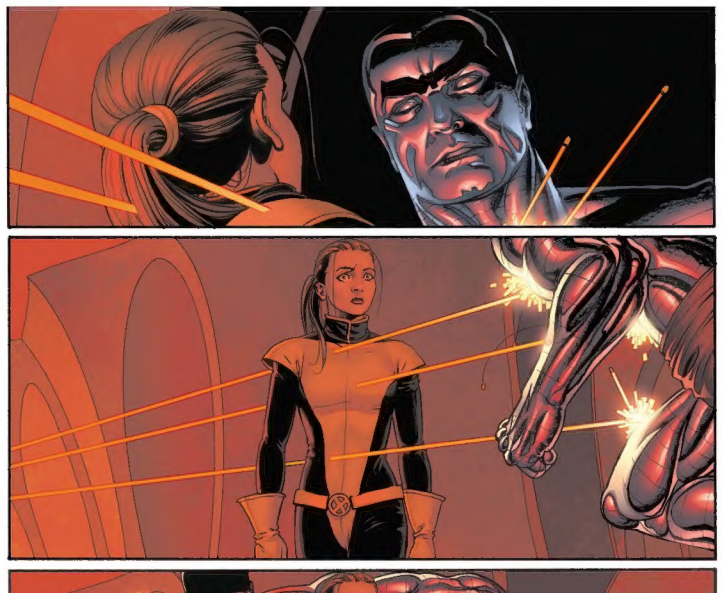
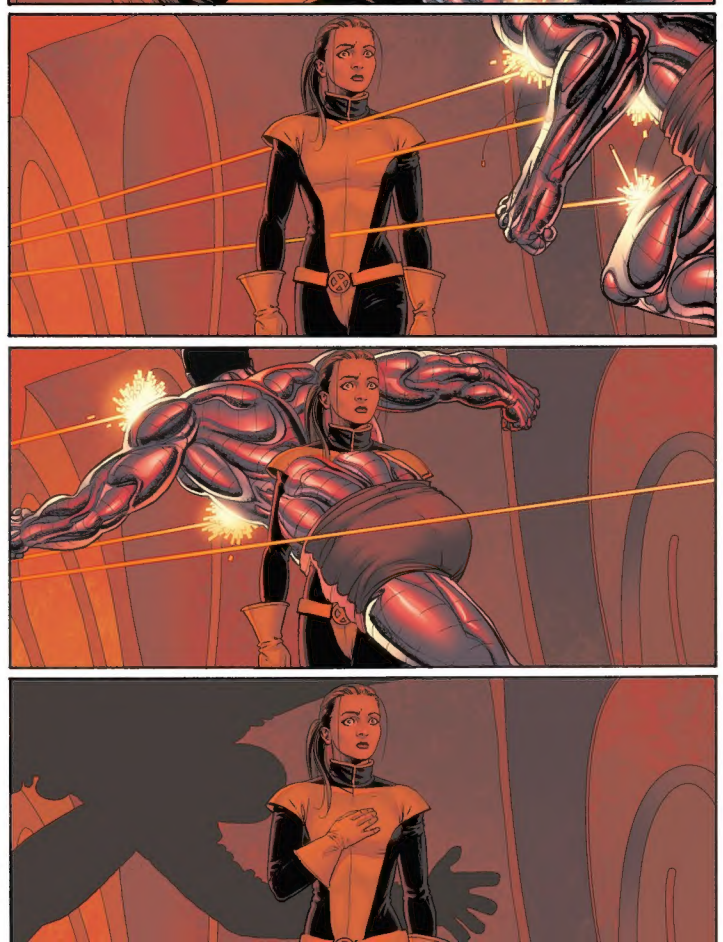
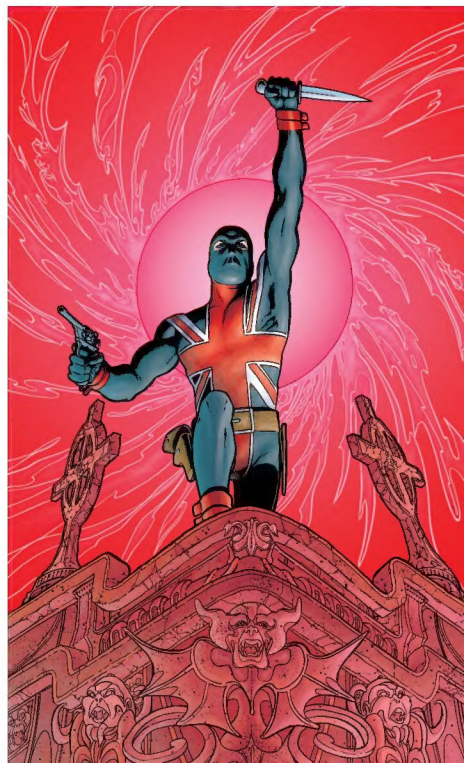


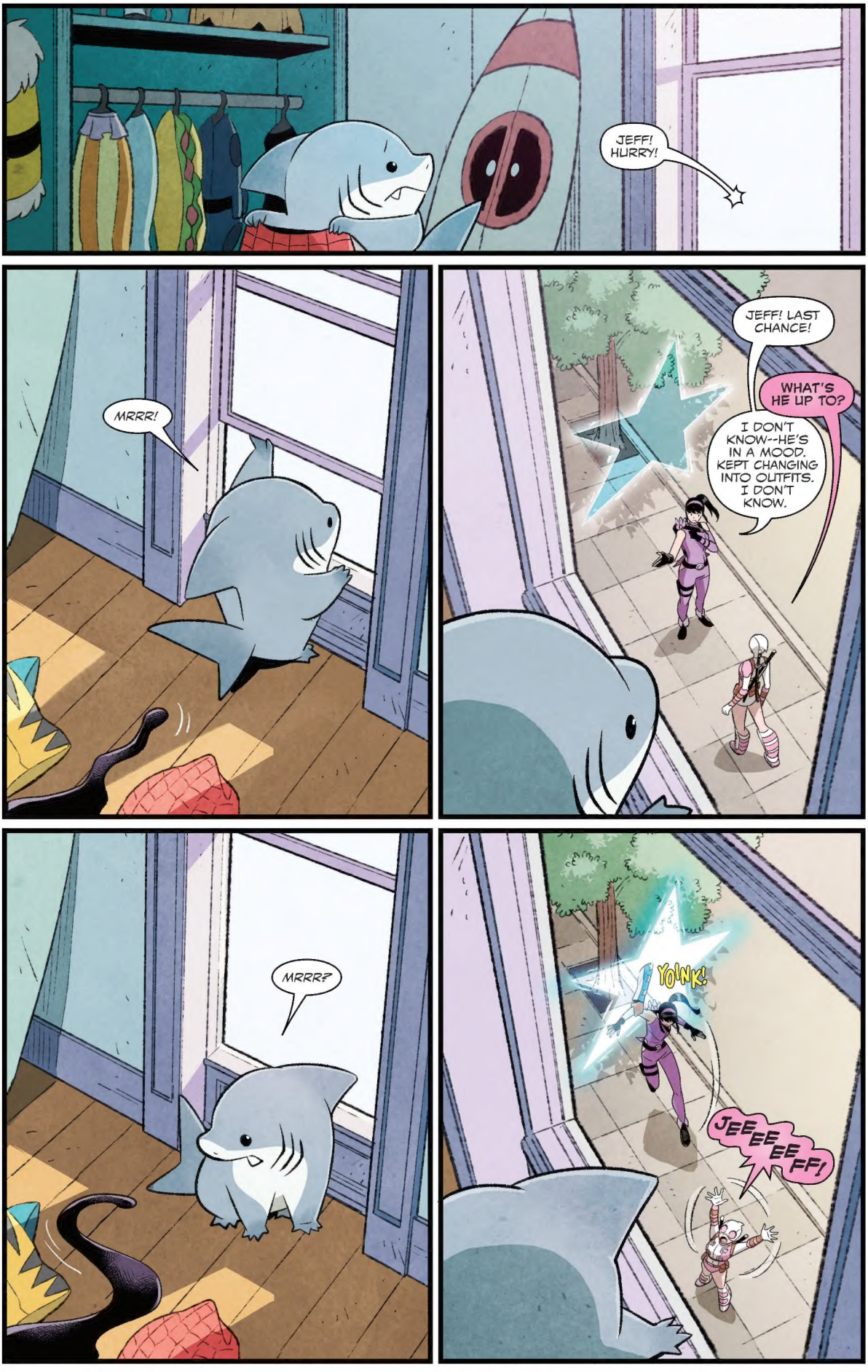




NEW YORK.
CURRENT HOME OF ONE HAWKEYE (KATE BISHOP VERSION).
GWEN! ARE YOU READY?!
TEMPORARY CRASH PAD OF ONE GWENPOOL (STANDARD GWEN POOLE VERSION).
HUHWHUZZAT?!
I'M AWAKE! I'M AWAKE!
AMERICA'S ON HER WAY, GWEN! SHE WON'T WAIT!
JEFF! YOU HAVE, LIKE...TWO MINUTES! ARE YOU READY?!

MRRR.
C'MON, JEFF. YOU CAN'T WEAR THAT. BE SERIOUS.
MRRRR?
AMERICA WILL BE HERE IN...LITERALLY 68 SECONDS. YOU KNOW HOW GROUCHY SHE GETS IF WE MAKE HER WAIT.
SO HURRY IT UP, OR YOU'RE NOT GOING, JEFFREY!

MRRRRR.
PFFFT.
MRRRRR?
THWIP
THWIP
GRRR
SNIKT
SNIKT
MRRR?


JEFF! HURRY!
MRRR!
JEFF! LAST CHANCE!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
I DON'T KNOW--HE'S IN A MOOD. KEPT CHANGING INTO OUTFITS. I DON'T KNOW.
MRRR?
YOINK!
JEEEEEEFF!

MRRR!
HOP
SORRY, JEFF! YOU SNOOZE, YOU LOSE.
I'VE GOT SIX MORE PICKUPS!
MRRRRRRR!
MRRRRRRAHH!

VENOM WAR

IT'S JEFF #1

JEFF isn't like other sharks--he's a land shark. He's not even like other land sharks--Jeff is a good boy. Well, mostly...even good boys get into a little mischief. Jeff lives with **KATE BISHOP** and gets into a bit more mischief than Kate and her friends would prefer.

VENOM was not always a good boy at all. Venom is a black, gooey, alien symbiote who used to be bent on revenge against Spider-Man. He's gotten a lot better since then. He often bonds with different hosts who wear him like clothes--or a super-suit, really. Unfortunately, Venom does attract trouble, often from other symbiotes. Like right now, while Venom and his friends are all fighting among themselves, their enemy has released a horde of **ZOMBIOTES,** which can take over living people and set them on mindless rampages!

But don't worry--that isn't a zombiote that just got Jeff. It's a normal symbiote. I am sure everything will be fine.

JEFF THE LAND SHARK

HAWKEYE, A.K.A. KATE BISHOP

GWENPOOL, A.K.A. GWEN POOLE

AMERICA CHAVEZ

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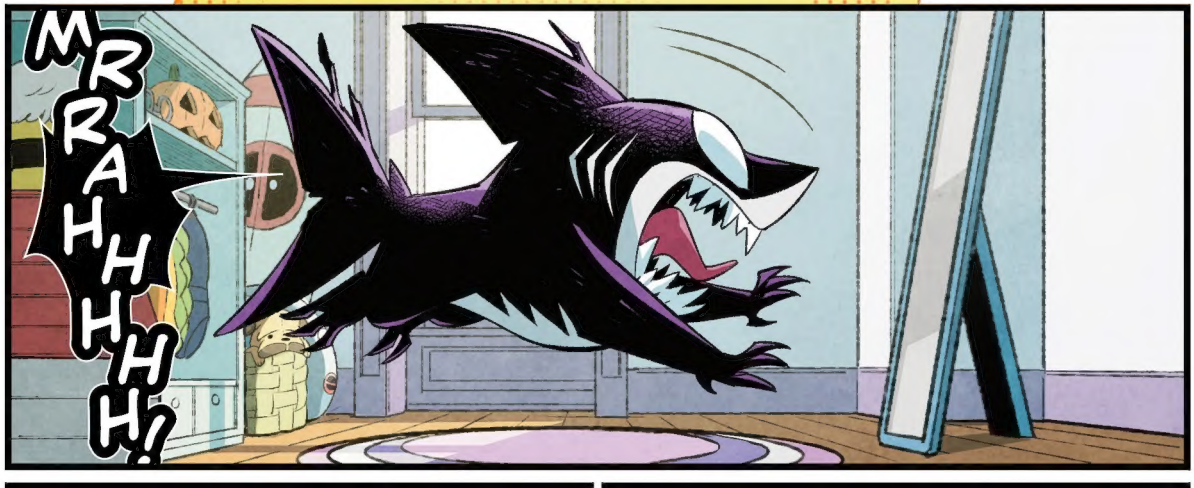
MRRAHHHHH!

GRRRRRR--
BITE
BITE
BITE
BITE

--RRRRRRRRRRR!
BITE
BITE
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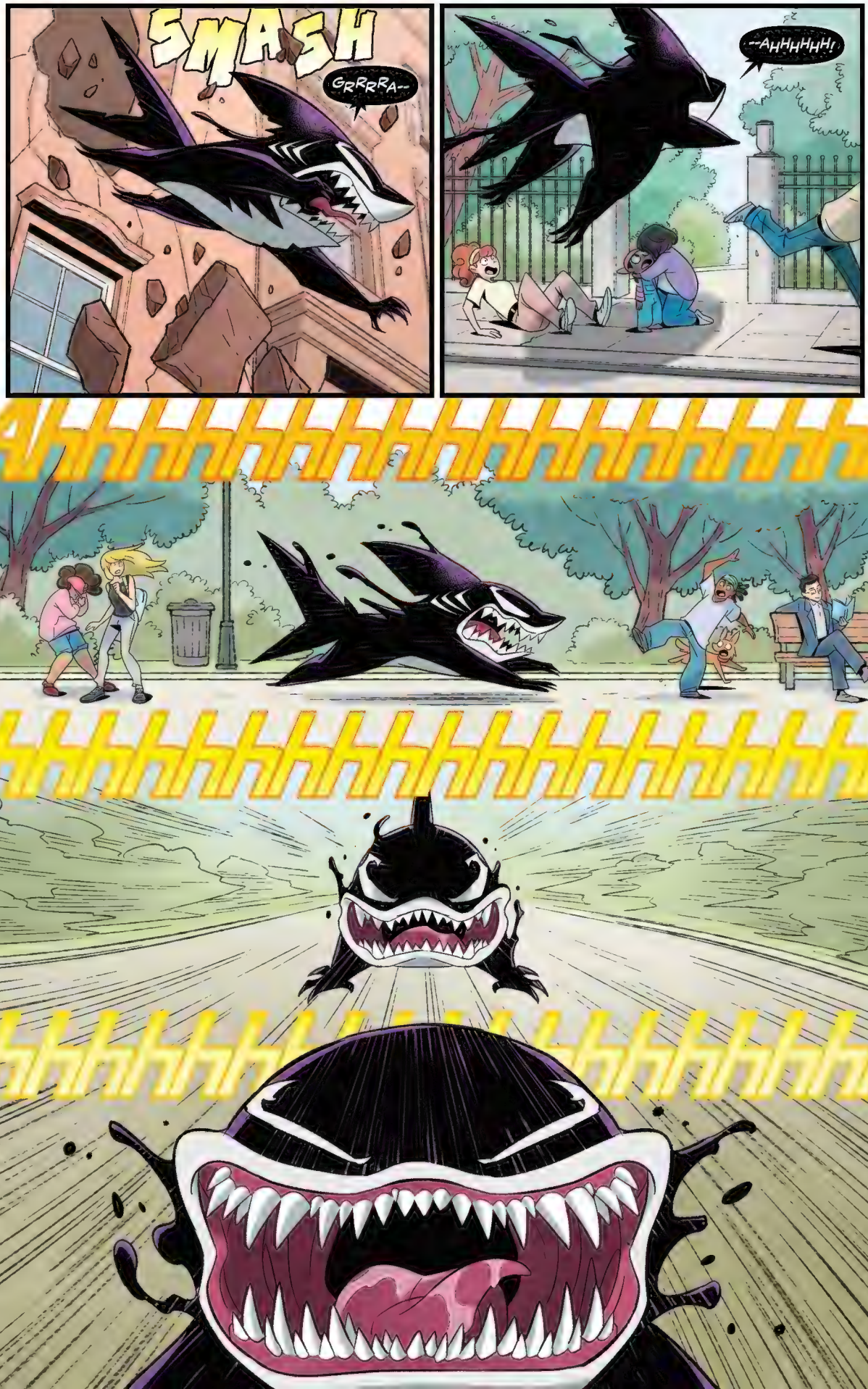
SMASH
GRRRRA--
--AHHHHHH!
AHHHHH

SCREECH
?!

KING OF SEA
CAR WASH
MRRRR.

SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
MRRRRRRRR!
BOUND

OH DEAR.
YIP!
WHOA.
...
AAAAAA
HHHHH
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
YOINK!
MMMMM!

FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
MMMMM!
MRRRRRRRRRRRR--
--RRRRRRR!

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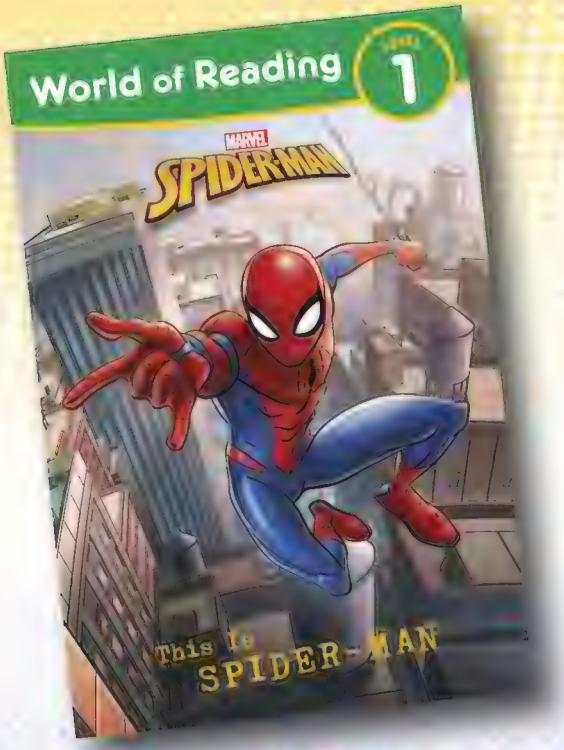

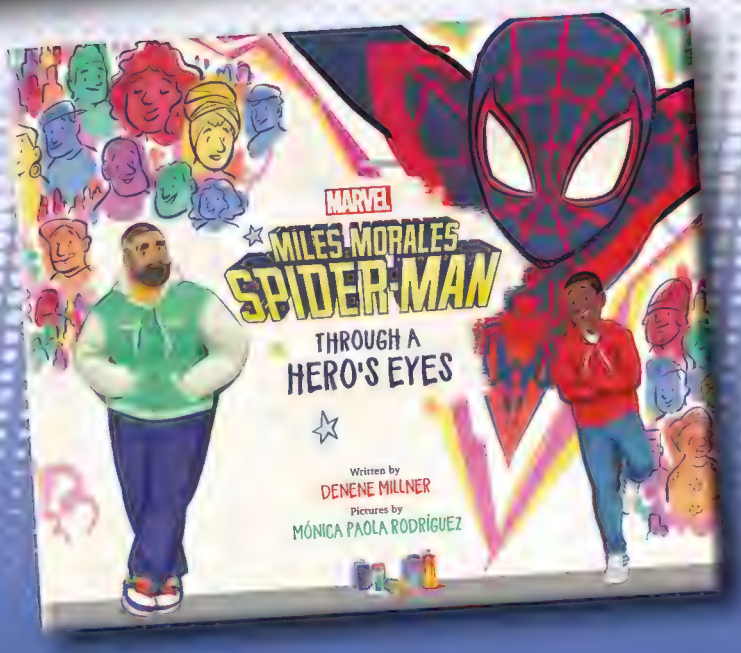

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CONEY ISLAND.
HOME OF *ALL* THE TREATS A LAND SHARK--
AND A VENOM--MIGHT WANT TO EAT.

MRRR!
MMMMM!
NOM NOM
...SO MANY LEMONS... THAT TOOK ME ALL DAY.
GLUG GLUG GLUG
THAT'S NOT EVEN FOOD!
NOT *ALL* THE POPCORN! C'MON, MAN!
POPCORN
WHOA.
IT WANTS *ALL THE FOOD!*

I...I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING EAT SO MUCH SO FAST.
I'M RUINED.
MRRRRR?!
AHHHH!
HSSSS!

HSSSSS!
AHHH! RUN!
MRRRRRRARRRRR!
HSSSSS!
HSSSSS!
HSSSSS!
FWOOMP!

BAM
POW
THEY'RE HERE!
UH. AND JEFF. SORTA.
SORTA?! IS HE A ZOMBIOTE?!
NOT... EXACTLY?
WHAMMO
HE'S A VENOM...OR SOMETHING.
NOT AGAIN!!!*
*IT HAPPENED WAY BACK IN EXTREME VENOMVERSE #5! --JDW
AWW, JEFFY, ARE YOU OKAY?
MRRRRRGG.
THAT SEEMS... FINE?

THESE ALL LOOK LIKE THEY'RE THE SWINGER ONES, RIGHT? THEY'RE SYMBIOTES BONDED WITH LIVING PEOPLE?
CORRECT, FUSE. DON'T HURT THEM, GUYS. WE CAN GET THESE PEOPLE BACK.
NOT BRIGHT, BUT FASTER THAN THE OTHERS AND DANGEROUS WHEN THEY MASS TOGETHER.
...EVERYONE, DUCK.
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
SLAM
GOTTA SAY, JEFF WITH SUPER-ARMS? I DON'T HATE IT.
WHAT'S THE PLAN? I MEAN, I'M GONNA GO HIGH AND COVER YOU FROM ABOVE, BUT WE NEED MORE THAN THAT TO FREE THESE PEOPLE.
THEY'RE WEAK TO SOUND--CAN WE TRY SOMETHING WITH THAT?

FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP

YEAH, BUT I DOUBT THE SETUP HERE HAS ENOUGH JUICE TO GET THAT DONE. WE'D NEED SOMETHING MORE POWERFUL.

WHAT ABOUT FIRE?

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BURN DOWN CONEY ISLAND, AMERICA?!

WANT IS NOT THE RIGHT WORD.

POW

SPROING

GLOOB

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE HOSTS WHILE KEEPING THE HOSTS ALIVE, AMERICA.

SLAM

SLAM

WHAM

WHAM

WHAM

WOOMPFH

BONK

BONK

BONK

KOOMPF

BAM

SURE. I'M JUST SAYING, IT'S AN OPTION.

I'M FOR THE OPTION WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO SMELL *ANY* BURNING FLESH TODAY.

...FAIR.

HRRRK!
WHAT WORKS ON THE SWINGERS SHOULD WORK FOR HIM TOO, RIGHT?
FWIP
WHAT ABOUT VENOM-JEFF?
THUNK
YONK!
IT SHOULD... BUT HE SEEMS OKAY FOR NOW? LIKE...EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN USUAL, MAYBE?
YEAH, BUT HE CAN'T STAY THIS WAY!
MRRRRRARRR!
UMM. I DON'T THINK HE LIKES US TALKING ABOUT HIM, GUYS. WE SHOULD TABLE THIS.
AND I HAVE A FUN IDEA.
WELL, MORE FUN THAN FIRE.

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UGH. I'M NEVER GOING TO LIVE THIS FIRE THING DOWN.
POW
I SEE A NEW CODENAME IN YOUR FUTURE.
LISTEN, ONLY ONE OF US IS CURRENTLY SHARING A CODENAME, HAWKEYE.
I WALKED RIGHT INTO THAT.
I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU GUYS IN THE SHRIMP WORLD FOR REAL THIS TIME.*
LET'S HEAR THIS BIG IDEA, GWEN!
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS BIG...BUT I GUESS, YEAH, IT IS!
SO CAN WE HEAR IT ALREADY? BECAUSE THIS PUNCH-KICK-REPEAT IS GETTING OLD.
*IT HAPPENED WAY BACK IN WEST COAST AVENGERS #10! --JDW

ONE SECRET PLAN LATER.
WELL, I LIKE IT MORE THAN FIRE.
ME TOO.
BE RIGHT BACK.
DID YOU SEE A POWER SOURCE, GWEN?
YEAH, WE CAN SPLICE IN. I GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.
POW
MRRRRRRR!
OKAY, OKAY! YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY! I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL!
-HUFF!-
YOU'RE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE.
NO KIDDING.
MRRR!
DOUBLE SHOVE

HOO BOY, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS ABLE TO FIND IT! THE NERD IN ME IS PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS.
SQUELCH
POW
FWIP
SHOVE
YES! LARGEST SPEAKER IN THE WORLD! THIS RULES!
WE DIDN'T DISCUSS WHICH SONG TO USE, BUT I HAVE A VERY ON-THE-NOSE SUGGESTION!

BABY SHARK, DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO!

BABY SHARK, DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO, DOO-DOO!

BABY SHARK!

HONESTLY? VERY SATISFYING.
JEFF! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THERE TOO!
PING PING
GOT A TEXT FROM CAP. SHE SAYS IF WE GOT OUR POD, WE'RE OFFICIALLY WRAPPED.
HELL YEAH.
DOES SHE SAY WHERE THE POST-FIGHT EATS-MEET-UP IS?
SHE... DOES NOT.
BUT ALSO...LOOK AROUND-- WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. THESE PEOPLE NEED HELP.
AND VENOM-JEFF...SHOULDN'T WE USE THE MUSIC ON HIM TOO?
GRRRRRRRRRRRR!
GUESS THAT'S A NO.
JEFF. BE REASONABLE.

-HUFF!-
JEFF, I DIDN'T MEAN--
WE'RE ALL SEEING THIS, RIGHT?
YES.
I GUESS... VENOM ATE ENOUGH BRAINS OR CHOCOLATE?

I MEAN...I HEARD THAT JOKE THAT VENOM STARTED AS SPIDER-MAN'S LAUNDRY. I JUST...I DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT.
I MEAN... THAT'S NOT LITERAL.
ISN'T IT?!
WHO WANTS FREE CHURROS?!
MAYBE IT IS LITERAL.
BUT HOW DID HE TELL IT TO DO THAT?! THIS IS GONNA BOTHER ME FOREVER, GUYS!
CHURROS CAN SOLVE NEARLY ANYTHING, IN MY EXPERIENCE.
DON'T THOSE DAMAGE CONTROL GUYS COME DO CLEANUP?
I DON'T THINK THEY HELP WITH CIVILIANS, JUST... CONSTRUCTION?
THAT SEEMS SHORTSIGHTED. THE NAME WORKS FOR BOTH. THEY SHOULD EXPAND.
MRRRRR.
FIN!

VENOM WAR

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE!

VENOM WAR: LETHAL PROTECTORS #3

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